

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1907-01
Bill No.: HB 913
Subject: Amends statutes for informed consent prior to an abortion.
Type: Original
Date: March 27, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
General Revenue	(\$7,281)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$7,281)	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services, Missouri Highway Patrol, Department of Insurance, Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, Missouri Department of Conservation, Department of Economic Development, and Highway and Transportation Department** stated the proposed legislation would not fiscally impact their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Health (DOH)** stated the costs associated to this bill are related to the drafting of a new consent form, its printing, storage, and distribution. The DOH made the following assumptions:

First Year:	Printing 80,000 consent forms @ \$0.04 =	\$3,200
	Distribution to physicians and clinics 55,000; warehouse storage 25,000	
	Mail 10 forms per envelop - supplies, mailing labels and cover letters	
	5,500 @ \$0.242 =	\$1,331
	Postage 5,500 mailings @ \$0.50 =	<u>\$2,750</u>
	Total First Year Costs	\$7,281

NOTE: No adjustment is made for the effective date of January, 2002 because the total number would need to be purchased up front.

Second and Third Year: Printing for restock of warehouse supplies 30,000 @ \$0.04 \$1,200

The mailings would be to the registered OB/GYN physicians and all local health agencies and clinics statewide. The estimated numbers were provided by the Board of Healing Arts.

Oversight assumes the DOH could absorb the costs of printing and restocking the warehouse in subsequent years.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Costs - Department of Health</u>			
Printing and Distribution Costs	<u>(\$7,281)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Costs - Department of Health	<u>(\$7,281)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$7,281)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2002
(10 Mo.)

FY 2003

FY 2004

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill revises the provision pertaining to informed consent for an abortion. Except in the case of a medical emergency, the bill prohibits a person from performing or inducing an abortion unless the treating physician has conferred with the patient and discussed the indicators and contra-indicators of the proposed abortion or drug or drugs used for the abortion, considering a woman's medical history and medical condition. The conference between the treating physician and the patient must occur at least 24 hours before performing or inducing an abortion.

For an abortion induced by drug or drugs, one conference between the treating physician and the patient must occur 24 hours prior to the writing or communication of the first prescription for a drug or drugs which are used to induce an abortion. Prior to or during the conference, the patient is required to be screened for risk factors, which include any physical, psychological, or situational factors which would predispose the patient to, or increase the risk of, experiencing one or more adverse physical, emotional, or other health reactions to an abortion or drug or drugs used.

The bill requires that at the end of the conference, the treating physician and the patient are required to sign a written statement certifying that the screening and discussion have occurred and that the woman gave her informed consent freely and without coercion. All executed statements will be maintained in the patient's medical file which are subject to the confidentiality laws of Missouri.

The Department of Health is required to develop a model form that will be used by treating physicians. In the absence of the model form, treating physicians are not exempt from the requirements of the bill.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health
Highway and Transportation Department
Department of Social Services
Department of Insurance
Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Conservation
Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan
Department of Economic Development

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a cursive script.

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director

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